# pe's Peace Proposals Arouse Strong Opposition in Entente Capitals, Which Regard Them as Influenced by Germany

### AFT APPEALS BOARD ARS POLITICAL "PULL"

urt for Second Philadelphia strict, in Organizing, Warns Against Such Attempts

CLAIMS MUST BE DIRECT

Communications From "Leaders" and Business Interests Will Be Disregarded

hiladelphians who are seeking exemp-ns from the new National Army today warned that the influence of prominent business men will be worth

This warning was issued by the Second District Appeal Soard within a half hous after it organized in the office of its chair-man, Walter Willard, Lincoln Building. want it understood," said James J. member of the board, "that no man g an exemption or no man who seeks to aid a claimant must approach any mem-ber of this board. All claims must be sent direct to the board and acted upon by the board when it is in session. This means that communications must not be directed to any individual of this court. The board will be guided by the rules and regulations prescribed by the War Department and every man will get an even break."

After order or Mr. Willard, an attorney, who was closed permanent chairman, announced that the first session of the board would be held next Monda morning at a place to be designated by United States Marshal Noonan.

Four members of the board, Walter Willard, Dr. Frank C. Hammond, James C.

ard, Dr. Frank C. Hammond, James C. McDonald and James J. Ryan, appeared in Willard's office a few minutes before 12. At 12 Judge Monaghan, of Common Pleas Court No. 5, appeared and administered the Federal oath to the members. Fills Gimbel, who was unable to be present owing to the illness of a member of his family. will take the oath in a few days.

Doctor Hammond was chosen to act a

APPEALS CASES FIRST Athough Chairman Willard declined to discuss the flood of exemption claims, it was apparent that the board will not treat exemption claimants with kid gloves. s was emphasized when Mr. Willard was asked to define the board's attitude toward the exemption of married men. Taking up a copy of the draft rules and regulations, he replied: "These rules were prescribed for the purpose of aiding the Pres dent of the United States to execute a law which authorizes him to increase temporarily the litary establishment of the United States,

nk that answers the question." During an informal discussion which fol-lowed the meeting the board indicated that cases appealed from the local boards would first consideration, and that inclaims, over which the board has original jurisdiction, will be held in abeyuntil the appeal cases are disposed

The organization of the First District ppeal board will not take place this week, President Wilson has not appointed a accessor for Joseph T. Balley, who found that he would not be able to serve on the board. It was announced from Harrisburg that S. S. Fels, soap manufacturer, had been recommended to the President for the vacancy and it is likely that the appointment will come through tomorrow or next day.

MANY TAKE APPEALS

Many of the men who have been re-fused exemption by the local boards have signified the intention of taking their cases before one of the two appeal boards in the before one of the two appeal boards in the city. While it was expected that some would dissent from the decision of the local boards, it was not expected that any appreciable number would ask the higher tribunal to consider their cases, for, as a general thing, it is expected that the appeal boards will be less lenient than the local boards, which are nearer to the men and know the which are nearer to the men and know the minor details of their condition better.

The organization of the Second District poard will take place at the office of Walter ird, chairman, at room 505. bincoln Building. A secretary will be chosen and the general plan of procedure will be dis-cussed and decided upon. The members of both boards finally received notification of thair authority to proceed leaves. of their authority to proceed last night and of their authority to proceed last night and will be called together temorrow or Friday by United States Marshal Noonan and given Government warrants, which will give them full authority to act for the Government in refusing or granting exemp-

Several of the local boards have received complaints from men asking exemptions that notaries have charged fees ranging from 50 cents, the legal fee, up to \$2.50. The boards that have received complaints say they will use their power to give oaths to the men asking exemption unless notaries quit the practice of over-charging. The members of the boards have the power to swear applicants. the power to swear applicants.

INDUSTRIAL CLAIMS DECREASE While there have been a great many claims for exemption on industrial grounds, the number of claims asked for on this ground is rapidly decreasing, owing to the fact that information as to what employment furnishes grounds for exemption is setting to be thereughly under the setting to be thereughly under the setting to be thereughly under the setting to be the control of the setting to be the setting to be the setting to be the setting to be the setting to be thoroughly understood by the drafted men.

Among the men called by the Seventh district local board, which sits at Fifteenth and Vine streets police station, were many young men who live at the Central Branch Y. M. C. A. it has been noticed that nearly all of these pass the physical examination, and few of them ask for exemption except on industrial grounds, and several are found to be employed in work which is decidedly vital to the prosecution of the war.

It is probable that Director of Public Safety Wilson will ask the officials at Washington to exempt the entire body of policemen who are subject to the draft. There are between 600 and 1000 of them. The grounds on which their exemption would be asked would be that they are necessary to the welfare of the city because it is next to impossible to secure efficient men for the work of guarding property and lives and otherwise promoting order. Order and otherwise promoting order. Order and therwise promoting order. Order and strip in a big industrial center such as hiladelphia is, Director Wilson says, is adoubtedly vital to the prosecution of the



A Beautiful Girl-Love, Adventure -A German Spy Ploti





Photo by International Film Servi BRIG, GEN. WILLIAM A. MANN General Mann, who is chief of the as divisional commander of Forty-second Division, which has been ordered to prepare for France and will be the next American

#### Allies May Reject Pope's Proposals

stand firmly together in not accepting the Pope's peace offer. Further, it was pointed out, the general trend of the offer so far as it has been outtrend of the offer so far as it has been cut-lined to the State Department contains a number of propositions to which the United

States could not accede It is expected that England will speak Allies in replying to the Pope's message

TEUTON ASSENT LOOKED FOR Intimations that Germany and Austria-Hungary will accept the Vatican's peace proposals and place the burden of rejection, proposals and place the date of rectanding they are to be rejected, on the United States and the Entente Powers reached Washington today. This information, which came through confidential diplomatic circles, added to the anxiety of the Administration, which views with the deepest concern the injection into the war of this new concrete proposition at the present moment. position at the present moment.

Cables received early at the State De-partment indicated strong opposition in ingland, France and Italy to a favorable view of the new peace step. Belief that the move was pro-Austrian was sharply ex-pressed by high Government officials. The President has not definitely deter-

mined upon the full scope of his reply. De cision awaits study of the Pope's forma The President will reply to it. cording to one high in his councils and who actively participated in the formation of this country's policies, the President will to a peace conference." refuse to accept it. Whether or not be makes suggestions that may further negotiations awaits an expression of world

AGAINST STATUS QUO ANTE According to this official the President

will outline in simplest terms why Amer-ica cannot accept a status quo ante peace. "Our situation is this," the official said. 'A neighbor has entered our home, ravaged those things we hold most dear. We catch the enemy. He is within our power. Then another neighbor enters. He suggests that we not kill the man who destroyed our happiness. He suggests that we give the beast his freedom, that a purse be taken in the neighborhood to restore the losses we have suffered and that we then go on and live in peace beside the man who ruined our family

"The thought is impossible-preposterous. It is revolting to even conceive of a peace with Germany based on the terms the Pope has outlined."

In his message to the Russian people last June the President had the following to say regarding attempts to restore the status quo ante:

"Of course, the Imperial German Gov-ernment and those whom it is using for their own undoing are seeking to obtain pledges that the war will end in the restoration of status quo ante. It was the status quo ante out of which this iniquitous war issued forth: the power of the learners. quo ante out of which this iniquitous war issued forth; the power of the Imperial German Government within the empire and its widespread domination and influence outside of that empire. That status must be altered in such fashion as to prevent any such hideous thing from nappening agam."

Nevertheless, officials are not scoffing at this peace move. There has been no attempt to minimize its importance. Coming, as it does, from a source outside the realm of diplomacy, at a time when the world feels a revulsion at the thought of another winter campaign and when all

another winter campaign and when all treasuries except the American are at low ebb, it must be reckoned with. HINT OF GERMAN WEAKNESS

Authorities realize that, coming from the Authorities realize that, coming from the Pope, the offer carries a weight which German "feelers" and "made in Germany" peace suggestions have lacked; that the offer will stir pacifist sentiment, and cause the thinking world to pause in reflection, at least. The hint is launched that Germany may have chosen the Vatican as a means of surrendering gracefully, without incurring disaster and possible revolution at

In any event, be the offer accepted or rejected, it will serve to implant peace seeds in all nations as nothing else has done in recent months. Russia promises to hall the proposal more or less joyfully. Socialists and pacifists will get behind it, while the workingmen of Europe are likely to be ather favorable to it.

The State Department said recently the corld would hearken thoughtfully to any bona fide peace offer.

The Pope, it is believed, has the maximum and minimum Teuton terms. His sugges-tions, manifestly unacceptable to either the Allied or American standard in some retions, it is held. The proposal to leave settlement of the Alsace-Lorraine, and Balkan problems to peaceful negotiation is regarded here as a special stumbling block.

On the other hand the Pope's proposal could be so altered as to permit of territorial readjustments satisfactory to the President and the Entente and preventive of future troubles, if the over is inspired by a genuine idea of surrender on Ger-

One thing that makes the Pope's offer more difficult of handling here is the fact that he advocates things for which the President himself has stood. The Presi-dent, it is pointed out, was for long reluctant to join in the struggle and determined peace may have some important bearing n the present situation

manimous in opposing anything other than rejection of the offer. British diplomate say that Belgium, By evacuated before peace discussion can start. Germany must not be allowed to enter the peace councils with all her lost territory regained and free from subjection

Entente diplomats here are virtually

to reparation and guarantees. At the Italian Embassy it was stated Minister Meda, of the Italian Catholic party, recently spoke his country's convic-tions when he said: "Peace cannot come as a result of the decision of a few and it cannot come from persons with senti-mental or fallacious ideals which they pretend to impose on the historical reality." "In theory , the Pope's move seems to re semble earlier peace proposals of President Wilson," one French diplomat said. "Nat-Wilson," one French diplomat said. "Nat urally it will receive the same attention the President's utterances always received. It is apparent, however, that behind the It is apparent, however, that behind the Vatican's move is Austria and Germany and in these circumstances it may rebound

and in these circumstances it may repould to the interests of the enemy.
"It is for this reason that the Vatican's move will most probably fail. The war must go on to its logical conclusion."
Out of the new Russian democracy, however, came this view:

"The Vatican move should be taken seriously, perhaps as the most serious peace move yet made. Russia is determined to right through another winter if need be, but she will certainly welcome any bona fide peace move that bears a good likeness to her own peace formula.

"The fact that the Vatican's offer ha been made after probable consultation with Vienna and the Erzberger Catholic faction in Germany need not necessarily stamp it as a German trap to 'cash in the Kaiser's military victories.' On the contrary, Ger-many may be choosing the Vatican to make a surrender which she could not make openly herself without incurring disaster and possible revolution at home. She may have indicated to the Pope her willingness to evacuate northern France and Belgium and to leave settlements of other question

TEXT NOT YET AT CAPITAL The formal note had not reached the State Department up to midforencon today. There was an official suggestion that it might not be delivered to the United States Government, though the authority for this intimation said he had not had any advices to show that such was the case. to show that such was the case.

Secretary Lansing's information is known to have been that the Pope would make an appeal, though it was not stated definitely that the United States would be included. State Department officials profess to have

no idea as to who will deliver the message, though the general impression was that it ough the Spanish Ambas sador because of the close relations between Spain and the Church. Permission for Maximilian Harden to republish his paper, the Zukunft, and his im-

mediate appeal for return of Alsace and Trieste were reported in State Department cables. Officials thought Harden's article may have been inspired as "part of the There is no formal agreement between

There is no formal agreement between the Allies as to a united course of action toward peace proposals, it was stated unof-ficially today. It was informally under-stood, however, when Arthur Baifour and Hene Viviani were here that there would be no acceptance of any peace proffer that failed to accomplish the war objectives of the Allies. the Allies.

#### CONDITIONS IMPOSSIBLE, ENTENTE BELIEVES; FEARS EFFECT UPON RUSSIANS

LONDON, Aug. 15.

The eyes of officialdom of the Allies turned to Russia and America today—not to

The principal point of interest and discussion of the Pope's peace proposals was the effect they will have on Russia.

Next comes speculation as to the possi-ble effect on American Catholics. That the proposals cannot and will not be accepted by England, France and Italy is taken as a foregone conclusion. There is every confidence that America peace conditions. President Wilson is regarded as having outlined the aims for which America is fighting in language which the entire world can understand.

While the official text of the Pope's proposals is still unavailable, the unofficial possas is still unavailable, the unoricial intimations of it here give the impression that it is in reality a plea for establishment of the status quo as the first basis of peace. All Allied Powers, including America, have previously stated this is impossible. REGARDED AS ILL-TIMED

The proposals of his holiness are regarded as ill-timed, despite the good intentions he may have in advancing them. The general impression in England is that

his peace message is of German inspira-tion, furnished through Austria, although there is a disposition to withhold final judgment for the present. Although the terms, as outlined from nofficial sources, are generally along lines which have been regarded as acceptable to Germany under present military conditions, it is noted that they go farther than

any Germany has so far put forth. PRESS SCOFFS AT OFFER Under the heading "The Great Peace Offensive" the Evening Standard this after-

non says: "It (the Pope's appeal) shows that Germany is working with might and main to get peace before the full weight of the United States is feit on the battlefield. The Pope must be singularly ill-informed as to the state of public feeling among the

The Westminster Gazette deprecates the basty assumption that the Pope's appeal result of German intrigue, but points out the futility of such proposals so long as Germany approves of the Kaiser's declaration to former Ambassador Gerard that there is "no longer any international law." The Pall Mall Gazette asks: "What security are the Allies to receive of the fulope so long as Germany retains the power

o break treaties and her long series of crimes go unpunished?" Characterizing the appeal as incomparable folly, the Globe says:
"The foolish buzzings of the Vatican will provoke nothing but laughter and con-

#### LEWIS WANTS CONGRESS TO LEAVE PEACE MOVE TO PRESIDENT WILSON

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15. Senator Lewis, of Illinois, Democratic vhip, today introduced a resolution intended to stop congressional interference in the conduct of peace negotiations,

The resolution, designed as a substitute for the La Foliette peace resolution intro-duced Saturday, declares that congressional peace moves at this time will be embarras ing to the Administration.

The Lewis resolution would commit Con-

gress to a "hands-off" policy. Its adoption would place Congress squarely on record as backing up the Administration in vigorous prosecution of the war. The resolution follows:

Whereas, the United States is at war with the Imperial German Government, caused by acts of aggression upon the United States by the said Imperial Ger-man Government, and

Whereas, by the constitution of the United States and the laws thereunder, the President of the United States is the commander-in-chief of the army and navy and during war is made the director-inchief of all movements of war or peace,

Whereas, it must be presumed that by virtue of the position of the President of the United States and of his privileges and opportunities, he has all reliable information upon which any practicable course for war or peace could be undertaken when the time for such move was appropriate and profitable. appropriate and profitable.

Therefore, Be it resolved that the Therefore, He it resolved that the American people are assured by the Sen-ate of the United States that so soon as reliable conditions make possible peace between the warring nations which the United States could direct or suggest con-sistent with the just purposes for which America entered upon the war, the Presi-dent of the United States can be depended on to take action, and at such oc-casion, whenever arising, will duly inform the American people, as well as communicate with the Congress of the United States upon the subject.

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preceding the suggestion of the President of the United States, works confusion in the discipline of the naval and military forces of the United States and embar-rasses the Executive in the due perform-ance of the duty of conducting the war with unity of action and vigor of pur-pose, as now devolves upon him.

Senator Sherman, of Illinois, introduced resolution this afternoon calling on the President to enter into peace negotiations upon the following terms:

"No annexations."

"No indemnities." "Guarantees for the rights of small na-

"Freedom of high seas." "Discontinuance of submarine warfare against merchantmen." "Rehabilitation of Belgium by a con

fund levied upon all the belligerents.

CHINA PUSHES WAR PLANS DESPITE PEACE PROFFER

The Pope's peace move will not be per-mitted to interfere with China's military preparations it was stated at the Chinese

Legation today.

Under a newly appointed war council of fifty men, headed by ex-Foreign Minister Lu Tsing-Tchang, China is planning to place all her resources, ports and man power at the Allies' disposal

The legation stated that China's war alms were: First, to root out German intrigue and uphold Chinese rights, and, nd, to solidify China's political factions HARDEN WANTS ALSACE

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 15. Maximilian Harden's suppressed Zukunft reappeared today and advised the restoration of Aleace to France and Trieste to Italy if a durable peace is to be secured. German dispatches stated.

From the reappearance of the Zukunft if could appear that Harden may have been released from the military service for which he was drafted. With the suppres-sion of his paper in July, Harden was pressed into service as a military clerk.

#### POPE GREATEST NEUTRAL FIGURE, SAYS FARLEY

NEW YORK, Aug. 15, Emphasizing that the Pope could not be influenced to favor any nation, Cardinal Far-ley today said he would watch the outcome of the Vatican's peace proposals "with the

ost acute concern. The Pope, he declared, was the greatest neutral figure in the world, and would urge only steps of benefit to all.

"I know that the Holy Father has done everything in his power to mitigate the sufferings of the people in this conflict." said the Cardinal. "He would naturally desire, as a disinterested intermediary, to use the influence of his exalted spiritual position to bring about a peace acceptable to all

#### ROME NOT TO PUBLISH TEXT TILL TOMORROW

The Vatican desires that the text of the Pope's peace appeal reach all Governments before it is given to the public.

For this reason it was stated today publication of the appeal in the Observatore Romano, the Vatican official organ, has been postponed until Thursday.

### **NEW JERSEY TROOPS** GET BAD AMMUNITION

Large Percentage Fails to Explode and Is Considered Dangerous

CAMP EDGE, Sea Girt, N. J., Aug. 15. for replenishment of stock found worthless for replenishment of stock found workings.
It is believed that the supply received here
is a part of a bad lot. Out of 25,000 rounds
used in rifle practice, so far, 500 rounds
would not fire.

The ammunition in question is said to be part of a shipment of this year's product from the Frankford Arsenal at Philadelphia from the Frankford Arsenia at Philadelphia and was sent here for State purposes. The supply was drawn on for the target practice for the New Jersey federalized troops. Firing tests under strong firing spring ten-sion showed defects. Burd W. Spencer, inspector general of the practice for New Jersey, said that in

all his experience he had never encountered such a high percentage of had ammunition. The inferiority would not be so noticeable. said, were it not this year's product. He added that there was a number of the cart-ridges that went off under "hang-fie" or retarded explosion, deemed dangerous,

All train schedules for the movement of the New Jersey troops south have been prepared. All that will be required to set th troops on the way to Anniston. Ala., is the receipt of orders from the War Depart-ment setting in motion the transportation of the men and directing in what manner they shall proceed. AND TRIESTE RETURNED Car Jumps Track, Delays Traffic Hundreds of workers were delayed more

than half an hour, and traffic was blocked n both directions today when a Nineteenth street car jumped the track at Ridge avenue. The car was finally righted by a wrecking crew.

BLOCK PARTIES FOR RED CROSS Children Doing Their Bit for Humani-

tarian Cause Neighborhood block parties for the benefit of the Red Cross, which began about a week ago, are assuming an important place in the sources of cash contributions, Mrs. Harold Yarnall said at the headquarters of the Southeastern Chapter of the American

Red Cross, 221 South Eighteenth street, Hundreds of children have been calling at the headquarters during the last week and offering their services in the great cause. Money is pouring in from this medium. "We particularly encourage this prac-tical way of having the children 'do their bit,'" said Mrs. Yarnall.



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